Name of District	DELs
Chhindwara	2520
Damoh	325
Datia	521
Dewas	2510
Dhar	1022
Durg	1505
Guna	2010
Gwalior	8050
Hoshangabad	2050
Indore	5501
Jabalpur	8310
Jhabua	425
Khandwa	1005
Khargone	1450
Mandia	1012
Mandsour	1703
Morena	728
Narsinghpur	650
Panna	503
Raigarh	2350
Raipur	6055
Raisen	1060
Raigarh	1000
Rajnandgaon	1025
Ratlam	2525
Rewa	2550
Sagar	1012
Sarguja	501
Satna	1222
Sehore	740
Seoni	710
Shandol	1040
Shajapur	750
Shivpuri	1050
Sidhi	710
Tikamgarh	1040
Ujjain	5050
Vidisha	1012
TOTAL	85000

Complaints against misuse of telephone lines

7052. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints lodged by the telephone subscribers about the misuse of their telephone lines and STD lines by unscrupulous elements in the country, particularly in Punjab, as on the 30th April, 1995, district-wise and State-wise,

(b) what action has been taken on such complaints so far;

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of telephone consumers in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM). (a) and (b) In respect of Punjab, the total number of complaints lodged are131. District-wise break-up is as under:-

Amritsar—01, Ludhiana—45 and Jalandhar—85

All cases were investigated and settled.

In respect of other parts of the country, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) Government propose to take the following steps:--

(i) Subscribers of electronic exchanges will be given detailed billing for STD calls.

(ii) All accessible points like distribution points, pillars and MDF are being locked.

(iii) All STD subscribers are advised to avail the dynamic STD facility to prevent misuse.

(iv) Surprise inspections by vigilance staff at all sensitive points are being stepped up.

Employment under Die-in-harness scheme by VSNL, Bombay and Calcutta

7053. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bombay and Calcutta, has of late offered employment to some candidates under the Scheme of "die-in-harness" not commensurate with the candidate qualifications;

(b) whether the VSNL has also been helping the candidates to join the organisations wings in the town, from which the cases for employment of next of kin on compassionate grounds arose;

(c) whether those being taken out of their towns, would be provided houses to tide over their predicament about housing in new towns; and

(d) if so, the facts and details of employment offers issued during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Company's policy is to locate compassionate appointees at the same station wherever possible.

(c) Allotment of quarters to employees is made according to the rules of the Company. There is no provision for special allotment of quarters to the employees appointed on compassionate grounds.

(d) Five employment offers on compassionate grounds have been made during the last three months

Aplab Chip Card facilities for using telephones

7054. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have initiated action to popularise the installation of telephone boxes at different points to be used by the public with a card facilities;

(b) whether such installations have been restricted only in the premises of the Parliament buildings;

(c) whether such instruments hitherto fixed at CTO, New Delhi and other places, have been uprooted despite the fact that the number of users holding Aplab Chip Cards are not able to use the same for communications;

(d) whether further action would be taken to get installed such card system instruments in all Metropolitan and business-oriented cities immediately, making available different rated cards to assist the users of STD/ISD calls through such system; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir. However card operated payphones earlier installed are still in operation

(b) No Sir. Installation of payphones is not restricted to Parliament House.

(c) Sir, the Card operated payphones installed in CTO, New Delhi have been replaced by other type of payphones for technical reasons.

(d) and (e) It is not proposed to introduce new Card payphones for the present in order *not to dilute the present scheme of providing* STD/ISD PCOs to educate unemployed.

Microwave connections to Blocks and Villages

7055. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the villages and RI Blocks, which were to be connected with Microwave in 1994-95, have not yet been so connected; and

(b) whether Rajkhand/Khataya Panchayats and Barku Gaon Panchayat in Khataya Block in District Muzaffarpur, have also not been covered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaint against MTNL by MPs

7056. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Sunday Statesman, Delhi dated the 7th May, 1995, under the caption, "Few expectations from MTNL";

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints referred by Members of Parliament during the last one year to the MTNL, have not been acted upon nor it has restored the telephone connections to the subscribers, while the